



*State of Arizona*  
**Naturopathic Physicians**  
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Dear Arizona Licensed Naturopathic Physician;

**This letter is a friendly reminder that if you do not completed the required pharmacotherapeutics training and testing by January 1 2005, your Arizona naturopathic medical license will be limited to non-pharmaceutical prescribing only.**

Currently licensed naturopathic physicians are not required to complete this training and testing but ARS 32-1526(G)\* requires that the legal ability to prescribe will be limited if they do not. This limitation will apply to federally designated legend drugs but will not apply to natural substances as defined in ARS 32-1581(G)(3)\*.

There is still time to complete this process. The Arizona Naturopathic Medical Association is providing one more opportunity for you take the entire 4 module course; 2 classes in August and 2 classes in November. You will need to contact them at [www.aznma.org](http://www.aznma.org) in order to register. The Naturopathic Medical Board will be providing testing opportunities for any or all of the modules on August 21, August 28, November 6 and December 4, 2004.

After January 1, 2005 there will be additional opportunities to take the classes and tests, in a different format, but there will be lapses in your legal ability to prescribe until you have completed the entire process.

For more information about the classes contact the AzNMA. For more information about the tests, contact this office.

Sincerely,

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Executive Director

\*ARS 32-1525(G). A person licensed pursuant to this chapter before January 1, 2005 who elects to prescribe drugs shall complete and pass a board approved course and examination before January 1, 2005 as a condition of being able to prescribe drugs.

\*ARS 32-1581(G)(3) "Natural substance" means a homeopathic, botanical or nutritional supplement that does not require a prescription by federal law before it is dispensed, but is prescribed to treat a medical condition diagnosed by the doctor.